

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Hemberger et al.                      Art Unit : 1656  
Serial No. : 10/506,367                      Examiner : Anand U. Desai  
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Title : COUPLING PROTEINS TO A MODIFIED POLYSACCHARIDE

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Responsive to the action mailed October 31, 2006, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, drawn to a hydroxyalkylstarch protein conjugate (claims 37-55 and 74-79). Applicants further elect the species of hydroxyalkyl starch having a molecular weight of 130 kD and a degree of substitution of 0.5, and the species of protein interferon alpha. The election is made without traverse. Applicants note that if the elected product claims are found to be allowable, claims in Group II that depend from or otherwise require all limitations of the allowable product claim(s) will be considered for rejoinder. Applicants further note that upon the allowance of a generic claim (e.g., any of claims 37-43, 49-52, 55, or 74-79), Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species that depend from or otherwise require all limitations of the allowable generic claim(s).

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Respectfully submitted,

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